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SUBJ: APPROACH TO UAEG ON UN

1. IN ABSENCE ON EXTENDED SUMMER LEAVE OF BOTH FONMIN SUWAIDI AND MIN STATE GHUBBASH, I RAISED OUR CONCERN ABOUT ABUSE OF UN WITH UNDER SECRETARY ABDULLAH MAZRUI JULY 25. I BROUGHT SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH TO HIS ATTENTION AND STRESSED THAT WHILE US WANTED TO SUPPORT CONTINUING STRONG UN ROLE BOTH IN PEACEKEEPING AND AS FORUM FOR NEGOTIATION OF ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL INTERDEPENDENCE, SUCH SUPPORT WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY LDC EFFORT TO USE UN AS VEHICLE FOR NSROW POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. SAID USG WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN, FIRST BECAUSE IT WAS CLEAR ABUSE OF PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE SUCH RECOMMENDATION FLEW IN FACE OF CURRENT ARAB-ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS WHICH DEPENDED FOR THEIR SUCCESS ON ARAB SIDE GIVING CONCRETE EXPRESSION TO THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT AND LIVE AT PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

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2. MAZRUI WAS SYMPATHETIC. HE MADE ONLY HALF-HEARTED EFFORT TO JUSTIFY ISLAMIC CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE ON BASIS OF "IMPATIENCE" WHICH HAD BUILT UP OVER "ISRAEL'S DELAYING TACTICS" IN NEGOTIATIONS. I COMMENTED TIMING COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WORSE SINCE WITH NEGOTIATIONS NOW AT CRITICAL STAGE, ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ACTION WOULD GIVE ISRAELI HARDLINERS ADDITIONAL STRONG ARGUMENT THAT ARABS WERE NOT IN FACT MOVING TOWARD PEACE. MAZRUI SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THAT IF FURTHER STAGE OF AGREEMENT ON SINAI HAD BEEN REACHED BY TIME UNGA CONVENED IN SEPTEMBER, IT WOULD BE LAST ANYONE WOULD HEAR OF MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL. I SAID IT WOULD BE ILL-CONSIDERED FOR HARABS TO BOX THEMSELVES INTO SELF-DEFEATING COURSE OF ACTION UNDER SOME KIND OF ARTIFICIAL TIME LIMIT. THERE WAS TOO MUCH AT STAKE FOR ARABS--AND THE REST OF US--IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. I MADE CLEAR TO MAZRUI THAT US CONCERN WENT BEYOND SUBJECT OF ISRAEL. IT INVOLVED GROWING TREND IN UN OF LDCS TO TRY TO ACHIEVE BY RESOLUTION AND PRESSURE WHAT WAS PROPERLY SUBJECT FOR NEGOTIATIONS . THIS WOULD NOT WORK, AND COULD ONLY WEAKEN US COMMITMENT, WHICH WE WISHED TO SUSTAIN, TO USE UN AND ITS AGENCIES AS FORUM FOR SOLUTION WORLD PROBLEMS.

4. MAZRUI IS REASONABLE MAN AND PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH US VIEWS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY HAS PURACTICALLY NO INFLUENCE ON UAE POLICY OR VOTING AT UN, AND WE CANNOT BE SURE HOW EFFECTIVELY HE WILL BRING OUR VIEWS TT ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER. I BELIEVE IT IS WORTH MAKING EFFORT TO SEE SUWAIDI PERSONALLY ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE UAE POSITONS ON ISSUES AT UNGA ARE CAST INTO FIRM MOLD. SINCE I AM LEAVING FOR EUROPEAN VACATION MYSELF IN FEW DAYS I HAVE ASKED MAZRUI WHETHER SUWAIDI COULD MEET WITH ME IN LONDON, WHERE WE UNDERSTAND BOT H HE AND SHAIKH ZAYID WILL BE FOR MOST OF AUGUST. STERNER

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